

May 15th - 21st

Graduation Speech

In this lesson you will learn three ways to pack for your journey beyond graduation.

Intro: Do you remember your graduation? The cap and gown, the feelings of excitement and uncertainty. You may not know all of your next steps or how everything is going to work out, but you can plan on one thing. Plan to be surprised. It's graduation season. Before you charge down the path of the next chapter of your life, take time to remember what you have learned and experienced this past season. Remember God cares more about who you are becoming than what work you will do. It's important that you pack correctly for the journey ahead.

I. Pack a Good Attitude

- A. Attitude is the way you look at life. It is the way you choose to respond to events, situations, and people. You get to choose your own attitude. Choose to live with an attitude of positivity, and expecting things to go well for you. Shake off the critics and don't let the haters rule your mind. Take on an attitude of gratitude where you recognize and acknowledge the goodness of God in your life. Magnify and celebrate the good things God has done, and minimize or give little attention to the bad (Psa 34:3).

II. Pack your Purpose

- A. Remember in every season you have a purpose. Regardless of any position, title, or lack thereof that you carry, live for Jesus and point people to him. Your purpose is to serve God and to serve others, so keep a servant's heart. Your greatest title throughout this life and the next will be servant (Matt 25:33). You will never waste time serving other's vision, so live to serve. You never lose when you help others win. Serve your church, serve your family, serve wherever you can. Be on the lookout to serve others. The world needs servant leaders. So, stand out and serve forward.

III. Pack your Faith

- A. Life doesn't always go as planned, so it is of paramount importance to pack your faith when life gets chaotic. Keep the faith when life seems to make no sense. Faith gives you peace in the midst of the storm that everything will work out for your good (Rom 8:28). Packing your faith means packing your personal relationship with Jesus. No matter what goes wrong, keep looking to Jesus and keep running to Jesus. God is with you, and he is for you, and he lives on the inside of you. God is still on the throne, and at the end of your situation, God will always cause you to triumph.

Discussion Questions

1. Are you choosing to have a good attitude, or are you a victim of your circumstances?
2. Are you packing an intentional purpose to serve those around you in this season?
3. Are you packing your faith in every situation that you face?